

ATHLETICS WILL NEVER PLAY PHILLIES AGAIN, DECLARES CONNIE MACK—OTHER SPORTS

CONNIE MACK SEVERELY SCORES PHILLIES' CLUB

Declares Athletics Will Never Play Them Unless in World's Series

"POOR SPORTS," HE SAYS

"We are absolutely through with the Phillies. There will be no more inter-league games played between our club and the Phillies as long as I am connected with the Athletics. I had them figured right and was not surprised at the mixed-up spring series games between my team and the Phillies."

"The statement was made to an EVENING LEADER representative by Manager Mack today. The usually quiet and composed leader of the former world's champions became very much excited when explaining the reason for the postponement of the spring series between the Athletics and Phillies, and severely criticized the management of the National League championships."

"Mack says that he is in control of the Athletics. He further states that the Phillies are rather puffed up over winning one pennant and want the field to themselves."

"When the Athletics were winning pennants, Mack says the owners never allowed small and unimportant points to interfere with the inter-league series between the two teams and that the Phillies were anxious to play the games because they had all to gain and nothing to lose if winning from the world's champions."

"After the Phillies had called off the three games scheduled for Waycross, Ga.; Charleston, S. C.; and Hialeah, Fla., which had been arranged and agreed upon by representatives of both clubs, Manager Mack decided to call off all the games, because he says he realized that the National League champions were not anxious to play the series at all."

"I had them figured right. I made the remark some ago that I did not think there would be any series, and it was one, it would be played in the South," said Mack. "I made this statement because I felt sure that the Phillies did not want anything to interfere with opening the season in a blaze of glory. Perhaps it is good business, but if you will remember, we never dodged the issue when we were champions."

"The Athletics always have been willing to play anybody. We never have drawn the line or been afraid of losing prestige by being defeated. When we were winning pennants the Phillies always were welcome on our schedule for the opening spring series, and, until last season, all the games were played in this city."

"The schedule was arranged calling for games in three Southern cities en route to Philadelphia, and the Phillies had no right to call the names off. There is little chance to make any money out of any kind of a spring series between the local teams. The games were played in Philadelphia without attracting much attention for years. The object of the series was to condition the players and to let the fans see both teams in action. The only possible reason there could be for calling the games off was because it would entail expense and rain might make the stay in each city a total loss."

"I did not like that way of doing business and called the rest of the games off. If they want to make the most out of their title in a financial way let them go ahead, but it is not my way of doing business. If we both win the pennant I guess we would have to play the world's series, but even that would be distasteful to me. Let them have their day; ours is coming, and sooner than most people think. We have never tried to work the title to its limit and will not."

KING COLE, PITCHER, DIES AFTER ILLNESS
Yankee Twirler, Who Starred With Cubs, Passes Away at Bay City, Mich.

BAY CITY, Mich., Jan. 6.—Leonard J. (King) Cole, pitcher on the New York American League baseball club, died here today after an illness extending over several weeks. Cole was a rangy, right-handed hurler, who, in his palmy days, had as much speed as any pitcher in the game.

Cole made his reputation while pitching for the Chicago Cubs in 1914, the year Frank Chance won the pennant in the national world's series. Cole won the only game, the fourth, for the Cubs in that series, 4 to 2, defeating Chief Bender. He was not officially given credit for the victory, however, as he was taken out in the eighth inning to allow King to bat. Brown was given the game, according to the method of crediting pitchers with victory and defeat.

These Players Must Hate to Play Games

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 6.—Summersville, Nicholas County, has no railroad, but the high school there has a fast basketball team, which found it impossible to get games at home on account of the lack of traveling facilities.

BRITISH BOXERS IN U. S. MAY BE BARRED AT HOME

Fighters Not in English Ranks at Front to Be Ring-banned

BURGE IS INDIGNANT

English boxers now touring on this side of the Atlantic and accumulating United States currency for purses may find themselves barred from competition in their own country when the European war comes to a climax and the glove game again flourishes on the shores of Johnny Bull.

Among the British boxers who believe fighting for their country may be all right, but does not appeal to them, are Champion Fred Walsh, Ted (Kid) Lewis, Young Ahearn, Charley White, Matt Wells, Eddie Morgan, Harry Thomas, Alf Mitchell, Percy Aubrey and several others now gathering in dollars of Uncle Sam.

When Jim Coffey and Frank Moran clash in their return 19-round match at the Madison Square Garden, New York, tomorrow night, Bill Brown, who officiated in their first meeting, again will be the third man in the ring. Bill Gibson, manager of the Dublin Giant, was against Brown as referee for the second mix, but the New York Boxing Commission overruled him, and Gibson was forced to howl to his edict.

However, it is probable that an official timekeeper will toll numbers in the event either contestant is knocked to the floor. This is the request of Gibson, who doesn't care who the Hicker custodian is as long as he is reliable, and the idea is not a bad one by any means. When Moran or Coffey goes to the mat Gibson wants the timekeeper to arise and call out the seconds.

Gibson's main objection to Brown was a short count, as the referee said, after the first Coffey-Moran fight that he did not stop the bout, but that he had counted out the Irishman. Coffey's manager insists that several ringside spectators, who held watches, declared that Jim was on the floor but seven seconds.

The wind-up at the Broadway tonight will be between Joe Hirsh and Henry Hauber.

Now comes the masked boxer. A featherweight from the West is about to invade the Eastern section of the sport. It is "The Iron" division. Strangely enough, he is fearful of having his identity disclosed, so he will wear a mask.

Back home in New Orleans Joe Mandot is ready to box again. He did not like the Southern lads to change his job after threatening to quit the ring when he was defeated by Benny Leonard.

Ford Munner, of Michigan, will make his return to the ring since his return here after a trip home which he had made in the preliminaries at the Non-pareil tomorrow night.

Following his two-round knockout victory over Eddie Graham, nothing would suit Wilbur Cup better than to get a return crack at Steve Latta to prove he is the Hallicon's master. Bill had his second working in a main form against Graham.

CRIMSON TRACK MEN REFUSE TO BE SNOW-BOUND



The photograph shows the Harvard track team taking a work-out on the board track, which has just been cleared of snow. Ellery H. Clark and "Pooch" Donovan are shown to the left in the foreground.

FRANK SMITH RETIRES FROM BASEBALL GAME

Old White Sox Pitcher Is Employed by Railroad

TORONTO, Jan. 6.—"I don't care whether the baseball people get together or not," says Pitcher Frank Smith, once with the White Sox and later with the Baltimore Federals. "I'm working now at real hard work. I am with the Pennsylvania Railroad in Pitsburg, and it wants me to stay with it and run its ball club next summer, and I am thinking seriously of doing it."

BIG CROWDS SEE AUTOMOBILE SHOW

Average Daily Attendance in New York Has Reached 20,000 Mark

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—An average daily attendance of more than 20,000 was reached yesterday at the 16th National Automobile Show, which is being held at the Grand Central Palace, under the auspices of the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce.

Following custom, yesterday was "Society Day" at the show, and many men and women socially prominent in this and other cities were seen inspecting the many makes of cars in the exhibition.

The popularity of the automobile show is perhaps due more than anything else to the downward trend of the prices of automobiles, which places them within reach of persons of moderate means.

All kinds of ingenious methods are employed to show the automobiles. Kinds of springs used on automobiles.

MANY CANDIDATES FOR PENN TRACK TEAM
Coach Orton and Meredith Look the Squad Over

Aspirants for track and field honors at the University of Pennsylvania came and went all day in the track room at Franklin Field in answer to the request of Captain Meredith and Coach George W. Orton that they sign up for the winter and spring campaigns. By the time the squad assembled to meet the Track Committee and hear the outline of the season's plans when 225 men turned out for the team.

Meredith himself has set the example by beginning active indoor work. He will represent the University in a number of important club meets in New York during the winter. By a new ruling of the A. A. U. he will not be permitted to represent both the University and the Meadowbrook A. C. during the academic year, and, therefore, will wear the Red and Blue.

BASEBALL WAR MAY BE Aired IN COURT AGAIN

Baltimore Denounces Merger Plan as Unfair; Says Clique Benefited

RAWEST DEAL IN HISTORY

CINCINNATI, Jan. 6.—Baseball's affairs may be aired in the courts again by some of the Federal League magnates, who claimed today that the merger plan was an unfair one and took care of only a certain clique within the Federal League.

The action of the Baltimore Federal representatives—S. S. Janney, attorney, and Harry Goldman, secretary of the club—in refusing to participate further in the Federal-international conference and then quitting the town, was like the hurling of a bombshell into the ranks of the peace advocates.

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Calls It "Raw Deal"
The Baltimore people claim they are not bound to any such agreement and add that the unfairness of the peace pact is shown by the fact that provision was made for virtually all the Federal League clubs other than its own and that Baltimore has been given the "rawest deal in baseball history."

One.—The transfer of a major league franchise, preferably the St. Louis Cardinals, to Baltimore.
Two.—An International League franchise for its club, together with a cash settlement of about \$100,000 to compensate it for its loss of the Federal League franchise.

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PHILADELPHIA CATHOLIC CAGE TEAMS ARE STRONG

That the schools which will fight it out for the Catholic basketball championship as well as the scholastic cage title of this city are strong, in comparison with the High School League quintets, has been known by the students in this section, but further indication of the prowess of the Catholic High School and St. Joseph's College athletes was seen yesterday when the teams won their first 1916 games.

Catholic High defeated Brown Prep at Charlton Hall by a score of 39 to 14, and the second Purple and Gold team won from the Brownies reserves, 25 to 6. St. Joseph's College first team defeated Camden High in a hotly contested battle, 31 to 25, in the Camden case, while the second team won from Camden High second, 15 to 8.

The Catholic title will be decided in the series between St. Joe and Catholic High, and naturally the followers of the two schools are not overlooking any of the games played prior to the championship games. The same with Brown yesterday afforded practice for Catholic High more than anything else, but the B-writes deserve credit for putting up such a gallant fight against big odds.

When Brown Preparatory was scheduled for its club, together with a cash settlement of about \$100,000 to compensate it for its loss of the Federal League franchise.

Three.—Complete reimbursement in the sum of about \$100,000 for its investment in a Federal League franchise, for which consideration it will quit baseball.

Organized baseball and the Federal League committee have turned down these demands.

The peace pact complete cannot be signed until the Baltimore situation is cleared up, and the make-up of the 1916 International League circuit must be held in abeyance until that time. "The refusal of the Baltimore people to deal further with the peace committees" therefore, brings about what is feared to be a hopeless deadlock.

The National League magnates arrived during the morning for their meeting, but the crisis in baseball affairs brought about by the Baltimore tangle dampened the spirits of the National Leaguers, and it was feared that their conference would be brief and without important result as far as the public is concerned.

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